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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : **BENSON, DAVID L.**  
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TITLE : HYBRID MAIZE PLANT & SEED 34B97

Grp./A.U. : 1638  
Examiner : **MEHTA, ASHWIN D.**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 19, 2003, a Final Rejection, it is respectfully requested that the following Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in the form for allowance, or at least, place the claims in a better form for Appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the Amendment is proper under 35 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

**Introductory Comments**

Claims 1-8, 20, and 44-65 are pending in the present application.

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